

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 840
OFFERED BY MR. ELLISON OF MINNESOTA AND
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Page 6, after line 13, insert the following:

1 (c) GAO STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the
2 United States shall conduct a study to examine and deter-
3 mine the following:

4 (1) The best available point-in-time and longitu-
5 dinal estimates available of the number of individ-
6 uals and families nationwide who are homeless—

7 (A) as such term is defined in section
8 103(a) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless As-
9 sistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11302(a)), as in effect
10 immediately before the enactment of this Act;

11 (B) as such term is defined in paragraphs
12 (1) through (4) of section 103(a) of such Act,
13 as amended by this section; and

14 (C) as such term is defined in section
15 103(a)(5) of such Act, as amended by this sec-
16 tion (relating to imminent loss of housing); and

17 (D) as such term is defined in other provi-
18 sions of Federal law.

1 (2) The best estimates available of the overlap
2 among the populations included in the estimates
3 under subparagraphs (A) through (D) of paragraph
4 (1).

5 (3) The quality of the data underlying the each
6 of the estimates under subparagraphs (A) through
7 (D) of paragraph (1).

8 (4) The cost and feasibility of conducting high-
9 quality nationwide point-in-time counts, and longitu-
10 dinal counts over a duration of more than one year,
11 of homeless individuals and families under each of
12 the definitions of homelessness referred to in sub-
13 paragraphs (A) through (D) of paragraph (1).

14 (5) The best available longitudinal data, cov-
15 ering a minimum of six months, on the residential
16 movement of individuals and families who are home-
17 less under the definitions referred to in paragraph
18 (1)(D), but not under the definitions referred to in
19 paragraph (1)(A) or (1)(B), into circumstances that
20 meet the definition of homelessness under paragraph
21 (1)(A) or (1)(B).

22 (6) The best available data to enable prediction
23 of whether an individual or family that is homeless
24 under the definitions referred to in paragraph
25 (1)(D), but not under the definition referred to in

1 paragraph (1)(A) or (1)(B), will within the next 12
2 months meet the definition of homelessness under
3 paragraph (1)(A) or (1)(B).

4 (7) The best available research on the effective-
5 ness of activities eligible for funding under this title
6 IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
7 at improving the housing conditions of households
8 described in paragraph (1)(D), but not in subpara-
9 graphs (A) through (C) of paragraph (1).

10 (8) The best available data on the childhood
11 housing, child welfare, and other experiences of
12 adults who are currently homeless, including individ-
13 uals or heads of household who are chronically
14 homeless, to determine whether homelessness as a
15 child, as defined under subparagraphs (A) through
16 (D) of paragraph (1), or other traumatic childhood
17 experiences, including sexual abuse, predict an in-
18 creased likelihood of adult homelessness;

19 (9) The extent to which the definitions of home-
20 less set forth in provisions of Federal law other than
21 section 103 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assist-
22 ance Act fulfill the purposes of the programs author-
23 ized by those provisions.

24 Not later than the expiration of the 12-month period be-
25 ginning upon the date of the enactment of this Act, the

1 Comptroller General shall submit to the Congress a report
2 setting forth the findings and conclusions of the study re-
3 quired under this subsection. This subsection shall take
4 effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

Page 10, line 15, strike “; and’” and insert “a
semicolon”.

Page 10, line 17, strike “paragraph” and insert
“paragraphs”.

Page 10, line 24, strike the first period, the closing
quotation marks, and the last period, and insert “; and”.

Page 10, after line 24, insert the following:

5 “(15) not later than the expiration of the 6-
6 month period beginning upon completion of the
7 study required under section 3(c) of the Homeless
8 Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to
9 Housing Act of 2008, convene a meeting of rep-
10 resentatives of all Federal agencies and committees
11 of the House of Representatives and the Senate hav-
12 ing jurisdiction over any Federal program to assist
13 homeless individuals or families, local and State gov-
14 ernments, academic researchers who specialize in
15 homelessness, nonprofit housing and service pro-
16 viders that receive funding under any Federal pro-
17 gram to assist homeless individuals or families, orga-

1 nizations advocating on behalf of such nonprofit pro-
2 viders and homeless persons receiving housing or
3 services under any such Federal program, and home-
4 less persons receiving housing or services under any
5 such Federal program, at which meeting such rep-
6 resentatives shall discuss all issues relevant to
7 whether the definitions of 'homeless' under para-
8 graphs (1) through (4) of section 103(a) of the
9 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, as
10 amended by section 3 of the Homeless Emergency
11 Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of
12 2008, should be modified by the Congress, including
13 whether there is a compelling need for a uniform
14 definition of homelessness under Federal law, the ex-
15 tent to which the differences in such definitions cre-
16 ate barriers for individuals to accessing services and
17 to collaboration between agencies, and the relative
18 availability, and barriers to access of persons defined
19 as homeless, of mainstream programs identified by
20 the Government Accountability Office in the two re-
21 ports identified in paragraph (7) of this subsection;
22 and shall submit transcripts of such meeting, and
23 any majority and dissenting recommendations from
24 such meetings, to each committee of the House of
25 Representatives and the Senate having jurisdiction

1 over any Federal program to assist homeless individ-
2 uals or families not later than the expiration of the
3 60-day period beginning upon conclusion of such
4 meeting.”.

